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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES RECOMMENDATIONS - (ITEM NUMBERS 21 AND 22, AGENDA OF DECEMBER 9, 2003)

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has filed Items 21 and 22 on the December 9, 2003 Agenda which requests Board approval of two amendments to expand existing agreements with QuadraMed Corporation (QDMC), and extend their terms from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004. The current agreements with QDMC expire on December 31, 2003. QDMC provides core turnkey clinical hospital information systems at DHS hospitals and health clinics and comprehensive health clinics.

Current County policy and procedure require the timely submission of contracts for Board approval. However, the items mentioned above do not meet the three-week filing requirement under the Board's policy.

As stated in the DHS letters, the Department was not able to schedule both items for placement on the Board's agenda three weeks prior to the effective date, as required, due to extended contract negotiations with QDMC. DHS previously shared drafts of each Board letter with your offices approximately three weeks prior to the December 9, 2003 meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact George Parker of my office at (213) 974-1157.

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